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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takao HASEGAWA et al.) Confirmation No.: 2328
Application No.: 10/581,197) Group Art Unit: 3721
Filed: June 1, 2006) Examiner: Scott A. Smith
For: STAPLING APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 15, 2008, the period for reply extends through May 15, 2008, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Invention I (Claims 1-2) for examination.